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Cyberspace World

Is cyberspace real?

Where, exactly, are chat *rooms*? Where do you go when you *visit* a Web site? The answer—cyberspace—is even more confusing. Cyberspace is not a real physical place that you go to. Nor is it imaginary just because it can't be seen or touched. Cyberspace means “computer space.” It's where people communicate and exchange information through computers connected to the Internet.

While you don't sit in a *real* room when you chat, you are talking to *real* people. While you don't *really* travel to visit a Web site, you do see pictures of, and get facts from, *real* people. And you can have *real* fun, learn *real* things, and possibly get into very *real* trouble in cyberspace.

Make a Map of Cyberspace

Use Activity Sheet 2 to draw your understanding of where cyberspace is around the world. There is no right or wrong way to do it, as long as you show your ideas about people communicating through connected computers and the Internet. As you plan your drawing, think about and show the following:

- ☐ How the boundaries between countries affect cyberspace
- ☐ Whether cyberspace is located in or over the oceans
- ☐ The different languages used in cyberspace
- ☐ The locations of popular Web sites
- ☐ How the size of a country's population affects cyberspace
- ☐ How the wealth of a country affects cyberspace
- ☐ A legend to explain what your symbols and colors represent.

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